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Secretary's Record

Straw

May 2nd 1866 To April 1st 1874

Frank Hall of Central City Gilpin County Colorado having been appointed Secretary of Colorado by His Excellency Andrew Johnson President of the United States confirmed by the Senate and Commissioned April 10th 1866, Vice Samuel H Elbert resigned, subscribed to the following Oath:

United States of America
Territory of Colorado } ss.

I Frank Hall having been duly Commissioned to be Secretary of the Territory of Colorado, do solemnly Swear that I have never voluntarily borne arms against the United States since I have been a citizen thereof; that I have voluntarily given no aid, Countenance Counsel or encouragement to persons engaged in Armed hostility thereto; that I have neither sought nor accepted, nor attempted to exercise the functions of any Office whatever under any Authority or pretended authority in hostility to the United States; that I have not yielded a voluntary support to any pretended government, authority, power or Constitution within the United States hostile or inimical thereto. And I do further Swear that to the best of my Knowledge and ability I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Organic Act of the Territory of Colorado against all enemies foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Secretary of the Territory of Colorado on which I am about to enter. So help me God.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this Twenty Fourth (24th) day of May A. D. 1866.

Frank Hall

Chas F Holly
Associate Justice Supreme Court Colorado Territory

Hon. Wm H. Seward
Secretary of State
Washington D.C.

Sir

On the 2nd of May last I received your note accompanying my Commission as Secretary of Colorado. I subscribed forthwith to the required Oaths, penned a note of acceptance and thanks and forwarded the same to you by the hand of His Excellency Alexander Cummings, Governor of Colorado. On or about the 16th day of June my Official bond duly executed and approved, was addressed to you by mail. You will place me under many obligations by stating whether the same have been received.

With great respect
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Secretary's Office
Denver June 21st 1866

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Sir

The Sixth annual Session of the Legislative Assembly of Colorado Territory Convenes on the first Monday of December next. I shall require, to meet the expenses of the Session the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars ($12,000) to wit:

Per diem of Members of both Houses	$5.000
Mileage " " " " "	1,000
Pay of Officers " " "	2,000
Incidental expenses for the half year from July 1st to December 1st 1866	4000,
	$12.000

which you will oblige me by placing to my credit at the Branch Mint in this place.

With Great Respect
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
August 19th 1866

To the Hon Second Auditor
Treasury Department
Washington D.C.

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you that on the 10th day of April 1866 I was appointed and duly Commissioned Secretary of Colorado by the President of the United States, that my Official bond has been filed according to law in the proper department in Washington and that I have been in Constant attendance upon the duties of my office. You will greatly oblige me by remitting drafts for Salary on the First National Bank of Denver.

With Great Respect
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Nov 3rd 1866

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Sir.

I have the honor to represent that the time is rapidly approaching when the Sixth Legislative Assembly of this Territory will Convene, and that my requisition made upon you in June last for the necessary funds to meet the expenses of said Session remains unanswered. Fearing that it may not have reached you as our mails have been very irregular during the past Summer - I enclose herewith a duplicate of the same.

At the time I assumed the duties of Secretary but Fifteen Hundred Dollars ($1.500) were turned over by my predecessor, Samuel H Elbert

the greater portion of which was required for the settlement of a long list of accounts then standing against this department and on which immediate payment was urgently demanded. The small amount left me was long ago exhausted and unless prompt action is taken to replenish my depleted Treasury I shall be compelled to negotiate a personal loan to meet the expenses that have already accrued and those which must necessarily be added by the Coming Legislative Session.

This will be presented by His Excellency Governor Cummings who will make further explanations if desired.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Note On or about the first day of November 1866 Governor Alexander Cummings ordered all the Offices of the Department to be removed from Denver to Golden City the Capitol of the Territory. In obedience to this order the offices of the Governor Supt of Indian Affairs Secretary and Adjutant General were so removed and established. On the first Monday (it being the 3rd day) of December 1866 the Sixth Annual Legislative Assembly convened in the building known as the "Loveland Block."

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City
December 4th 1866.

To the Honorable
The President of the Council
Sir.

Permit me to direct your attention to the subjoined instructions from the Treasury Department of the United States, now on file in my office.

"This department claims and exercises the right under existing laws to regulate the price and quantity of the Territorial printing. The limits of the annual

appropriations aside from any other Consideration would not admit of any indefinite action in this respect by the General Assembly. You will therefore suggest to the presiding Officer of each House that Memorials Petitions and documents having no necessary connection with the duties of Legislation, or the dissemination of useful information among the people will be excluded and not printed at the expense of the United States."

George West Esqr proprietor of the Golden Transcript, has been employed by me to do the incidental printing of this Session and will execute all work which your Committee on Printing (with due regard to the enclosed instructions) may order.

I am also authorized by the Department to furnish each Member of the Legislature with one Newspaper during the Session. The members of your House will do me the favor to hand their names to the Secretary together with the Newspaper published in this Territory they desire to subscribe for.

I am further instructed to pay all postage of Members during the Session. Letters and papers should be franked and placed in Charge of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Note. A like message to the above and foregoing was transmitted to the Hon. Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City
December 16th 1866

Hon R. W. Taylor
First Comptroller Treasy Dept
Washington D. C.

Sir.

I have as yet received no Salary from the Department. My Commission bears date April 10th 1866. My official bond was forwarded

to the Hon Wm H. Seward Secretary of State on or about the 16th of June last. I subscribed to the required oaths and entered upon my duties as Secretary of Colorado Territory on the 2nd day of May since which time I have been Constantly in the discharge of my official duties. I beg that the necessary steps may be taken to furnish me with the amount of salary now due as I am greatly in need of it

With Great Respect
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City December 16th 1866

Capt George West
Publisher Golden Transcript
Sir.

Having been employed by me to do the incidental printing of the present Session of the Legislative Assembly I beg leave to invite your attention to the following instructions from the Treasury Department."

"The bills should not be printed in type of less size than "small pica" with a blank space of the same width between the lines. In their printing you will discourage any attempts should they be made at Contentive Composition by means of a large open heading and wide blanks between the lines so that two pages are made of what should constitute but one. This will not be tolerated, and should it be resorted to notwithstanding these instructions the bills Covering the work will be in their examination by this office diminished accordingly."

I am also instructed by the Department to furnish it with Specimens of all the printing executed under my supervision, for measurement. You will therefore forward to this office at least five Specimens of each order given you by the Constituted authorities of this present Session.

You are Counseled to observe

Strictly the regulations herein set forth.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City
December 16th 1866

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Sir

In order to meet certain expenses - an account of which is subjoined - I make Requisition upon your Department for the sum of Six Thousand ($6.000) Dollars to be used in paying the Claims of David C. Collier and Orando J. Hollister / publishers employed by me to do the printing of the Fifth Session of the Legislative Assembly of Colorado Territory) for printing the laws and Journals of said Session together with other unsettled Claims which have accrued during the last half of the fiscal Year ending December 1st.

My Requisition upon you for Twelve Thousand ($12.000) executed in June and duplicated in November, was designed to cover the expenses of the Sixth Legislative Assembly now in Session but will be barely sufficient for that purpose. My predecessor Hon. Samuel A Elbert left me without funds wherewith to defray the expense of publishing the Laws and Journals of last Session. The work has been delivered and the gentlemen before named are Clamorous for their pay.

In view of these facts, therefore, I most respectfully request that there may be no delay in forwarding a draft to cover the Amount of the Requisition herein made and placed to my Credit at the First National Bank or at the Branch Mint Denver.

With Great Respect
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

As a matter of history I am persuaded to devote a page or two of this Record to the following Statement.

On the 11th of June 1866 I issued the following Notice. (See Executive Record A page 262) Similar Circulars being sent to the several Counties of the Territory.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver June 11th 1866

To the Sheriff of Arapahoe County

Sir.

You are hereby notified that at the next General Election, to be holden on the first Tuesday in August 1866 a Delegate to Congress and Members of the House of Representatives are to be chosen.

Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

George M. Chilcott of Pueblo became the Candidate of the Regular Republican Nominating Convention, and was opposed by A Cameron Hunt Esqr, who appeared in the field as an independent Candidate, and was largely supported by the Democratic Party which made no nomination, and a faction known as Anti State men. Mr Hunt in a published Card, announced himself an advocate and supporter of the Administration, and political principles of Andrew Johnson, President of the United States. The Campaign opened and proceeded with extraordinary spirit throughout the Territory. Governor Cummings who had left the Territory immediately upon my acceptance of the office of Secretary, (May 2nd) returned about the 1st of September and warmly espoused the Cause of Mr Hunt. The election returns having arrived from all the Counties, sufficient was known of the result, through their publication in the Newspapers, to indicate the Election of Mr Chilcott by a small majority. Believing me adverse to the political Claims of Mr Hunt, and that I would decide the Contest in accordance with the returns as received from the several Counties, Governor Cummings and others telegraphed on the night of the 5th of September to President Johnson, then on his

Memorable tour "Around the Circle" to the grave of Douglas, recommending my removal from office as the only means of saving the Territory to the administration, and designating a Citizen of Denver for the succession.

Being apprised of this fact, I called on the Governor at the Executive Chambers next morning and informed him that the official Canvas of Election Returns would take place at three o'clock that day and invited him to be present. He consented, and at the appointed hour the Board, consisting of Richard E Whitted Territorial Auditor, John Wanless Territorial Treasurer, and myself, was convened for the transaction of business. Sealed envelopes containing the returns were placed upon the table, opened and spread out before the Board previous to the Count. As the last one was unfolded, Governor Cummings under pretense of wishing to see it, approached our table, seized all the papers before us, and conveying them to his desk on the opposite side of the apartment, ~~began~~ began the Canvass on his own account, assisted by his Private Secretary. The Board made repeated demands upon him for the returns, but were denied. He was informed that his proceedings were without the sanction of law or precedent, but it made no difference. Admitting in his Count a large mass of Ex parte affidavits taken in the Southern part of the Territory, and favorable to Mr Hunt, he concluded by declaring upon their authority the Latter elected, and issued his Certificate accordingly.

The Board subsequently obtained possession of the returns, and in presence of the Governor, as required by law Completed their Canvass, excluding all extraneous testimony, and found Mr. Whitcott to have received a Majority of one hundred and Eight (108) Votes, which fact they Certified to the Governor in the usual form.

On the 22nd of September James R Hood of Tennessee was appointed Secretary of Colorado, vice Frank Hall removed, but resigned without qualifying for the position.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City December 16th 1866

Hon E. L. Bertrand
Speaker House of Representatives.

Sir.

I feel it to be my duty in view of the fact that your Honorable Body has passed a Resolution authorizing its Committee on Printing to order Five Hundred copies of the Governors Message printed in the Spanish language, to direct your attention to the following information relating to this subject taken from the Correspondence of my predecessor, Hon Samuel H. Elbert August 1st 1862 with the authorities at Washington.

In a letter addressed to Hon. W. P. Bennett (then Delegate in Congress from Colorado Territory) on the subject of printing the laws in Spanish, the Department decided to the Effect that they could not allow any expenditure for that purpose, except authorized by a Special Act of Congress.

You will therefore instruct the Committee on Printing to restrict the Printing of the present Session to such needful documents in the English language to be paid for by the United States — as may be necessary and in accordance with instructions previously given.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

The law requiring the appointment of three Commissioners Members of the Legislature to examine and report upon the Accounts of the Territorial Auditor and Treasurer the following letters of appointment were issued.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City December 17th 1866

Hon Giles Sanles
Sir

You are hereby appointed one of a Committee of three for the purpose of examining

and reporting upon the accounts of the Territorial Auditor and Treasurer for the last fiscal year.
Your associates will be Hon. John G. Gleudinen of the House, and Hon H. H. De Many of the Council.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary Colorado Territory.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City Dec 17th 1866

Hon. H. H. De Many
Sir.

You are hereby appointed one of a Committee of three for the purpose of examining the accounts of the Territorial Auditor and Treasurer for the last fiscal year. Your Associates will be the Hon John G Gleudinen, and Hon Zeba Eades of the House of Representatives.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City Dec 17th 1866

Hon John G Gleudinen
Sir.

You are hereby appointed one of a Committee of three for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the accounts of the Territorial Auditor and Treasurer for the last fiscal year.
Your associates will be the Hon Zeba Eades of the House and Hon H H De Many of the Council.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City December 20th 1866

Hon C. B Patterson.
Sir

You are hereby appointed to serve on a Committee selected to examine and report upon the accounts of the Territorial Auditor and Treasurer vice John S Hendricks resigned.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City March 4th 1867

Hon N. H. Van Dyke
Asst Treasurer United States
New York
Sir

Having received notice that a draft for Six Thousand ($6000.) has been placed to my Credit at the Sub Treasury in New York I have the honor to transmit herewith my Official Signature.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City March 18th 1867

To the County Clerk of Arapahoe County
Sir

The laws passed at the last or Sixth Session of the Territorial Legislature are now ready for distribution. You will please make your requisition upon this office for the number of Copies necessary to supply the Officers of your County.
Should you desire the Laws sent by mail, postage

At the rate of 4½ Cents per Copy must accompany the order.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

(Similar notice sent to Each County Clerk throughout the Territory.)

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City March 17th 1867

To the Honorable
The First Comptroller
Treasury Dept
Washington D.C.
Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith my Semi-annual Report for the half year ending December 31st 1866.

I desire to direct special attention to Voucher No 5 for printing the House Journal of the Fifth Legislative Assembly and to request that the same may be passed upon by the Department at the earliest practicable moment. Printed Copies of this Journal were forwarded Early in January. Please notify me of the Amount allowed thereon in order that I may adjust the same with Orando J. Hollister, the printer.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Advertisement

Sealed Proposals
For Translating and Printing
The Laws of Colorado in the Spanish Language

In compliance with the provisions of Section one (1) of an act of the Sixth Legislative Assembly approved January 11th 1867 (a true copy of which is hereunto annexed) providing for Translating and Printing the General Laws of Colorado in the Spanish language, Sealed Proposals for the proper Execution of said Work will be received for thirty days following

the date of this Notice at my office in Golden City.

(Copy)

An Act to translate and print the Laws of the Fourth Fifth and Sixth Sessions of Colorado Territory in the Spanish Language

Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of Colorado Territory

Section 1. That the Secretary of the Territory be authorized to Contract for the translation of the Laws of the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Sessions of the Legislative Assembly into the Spanish Language, and for the publication of three hundred Copies of the same in one Volume.

Bidders will be governed by the following Stipulations. Viz:

First No bids exceeding the limits of the Appropriation ($2.500 in Territorial Warrants) will be received, and the Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

Second. The type used must be of no less size than "Small Pica" for the laws with Agate or Non Pariel for marginal annotations, and indexes.

Third. The party or parties to whom the Contract shall be awarded will be required to enter into bonds for the faithful performance of the same, in a sum not less than double the Contract price.

Fourth Each Volume to be neatly and substantially bound in the Style known as "Law Calf," and to Contain in addition to the Laws of Colorado Territory, One Copy of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States and the Organic Act of Colorado Territory, each with all the Amendments now in force.

Fifth. The work to be Completed and delivered at my Office in Golden City N.T. within Six Months from the date of Contract

Done at Golden city this Fourteenth day of March A.D. 1867

Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

An Act to regulate the Elective Franchise in the Territories of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate (and) House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled.

That from and after the passage of this Act there shall be no denial of the elective franchise in any of the Territories of the United States, now or hereafter to be Organized, to any Citizen thereof, on Account of race, Color, or previous Condition of Servitude, And all acts or parts of acts, either of Congress, or the Legislative Assemblies of said Territories inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby declared null and void.

Schuyler Colfax
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Lafayette S. Foster
President of the Senate pro tempore

Endorsed by the President: "Received on the 14th January 1867

(Note by the State Department — The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval and not having been returned by him to the House of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States has become a law without his approval)

(Note by the Secretary of Colorado. — Threats of resistance to the Enforcement of the foregoing act having been made by a certain Class of Citizens, the following letter was addressed to the Mayor of Denver.)

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
March 25th 1867

Hon M. M. McCann
Mayor of Denver
Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith an authenticated copy of the act of Congress regulating the Elective franchise thereof

the Territories of the United States, and to see to it that measures be taken by you to insure the full and free exercise of the rights and privileges accorded the newly enfranchised races under the act herewith, at the approaching Municipal election in your City. Should there appear to be a determination on the part of any class or number of citizens to obstruct or prevent the lawful exercise of the right granted by the accompanying act you should take prompt and efficient means for its suppression. The disgraceful and bloody scenes recently enacted in the City of Omaha must not be repeated in Colorado. The National Congress has Endowed the Negro with Equal rights under the law, and I now call upon you as one of its Guardians to put forth the utmost power of your Executive Authority, if required, in the defense and perpetuation of this great and wise principle.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary and Acting Governor
Colorado Territory.

Similar letters were addressed to the Hon Samuel P Eathrop Mayor of the City of Black Hawk and Hon. Wm M Slaughter Mayor of the City of Central. the Municipal elections in those cities occurring on the same day as in Denver.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City April 3rd 1867

Hon R. W. Taylor
First Comptroller Treasy Dept
Washington D. C.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that on the 15th day of March last I received an order signed by you to pay Rufus Byers and Dailey the sum of Two Thousand ($2000) Dollars on account of public printing. This amount I have paid and take vouchers therefor which will be rendered in my

Semi-Annual report to be submitted June 1st. Requisition for Six Thousand ($6.000) filled in the month of February by draft on the Sub-Treasury in New York was made necessary by the demands of the public Printer whose accounts for printing the laws and Journals of the last Legislative Assembly are now pending, but which by the payment of the order above named I am unable to meet. I would therefore most respectfully request that the sum of Two Thousand ($2.000) Dollars be placed to My Credit at the Sub-Treasury in New York - or elsewhere as you may Elect. to supply this deficiency...

With Great Respect
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City April 3rd 1864

Hon G. W. Chamberlain
United States Attorney for Colorado

Sir

I have the honor to submit the following case which has arisen in this Department, and ask that you will favor me with your legal opinion of the same.

On or about the 28th of March ultimo Hughes Downing & France Attorney's, made application to me for a certificate to the effect that Samuel C Browne was between ~~Certain~~ date named thereof A Notary Public for Arapahoe County duly Qualified Commissioned etc. (Reference to the records developed the fact that he was Commissioned April 9th 1863 but neglected to file his bond and oath as required by the Statute.. (See Laws 1st Sept. page 44 Sections 6 & 7.) For this reason I refused to issue the Certificate until the Case should have been submitted and an affirmative Answer returned by you.

I would state also that it has been the custom respecting all applications for the appointment of Notaries to issue Circular letters setting forth the preliminary

steps to be taken, and establishing as a Condition precedent to the issuance of Commissions that the bonds and oaths of the applicants should be approved by and recorded in the books of the Clerk of the County in which the applicant resided, the bonds to be subsequently filed in the office of the Secretary, on receipt of which Commissions would issue. In this case, however, as in a number of others upon my Records the Conditions above noted have not been complied with, yet the Commissions have been issued and the officers thus Created permitted to exercise the functions of their offices without the full authority of law.

I have now to enquire whether in view of the facts stated I Can Lawfully Certify that Samuel E Moore was between Certain dates A Notary Public duly Commissioned Qualified etc, or whether I am to refuse him official recognition. By giving your legal opinion on these points at the Earliest Practicable Moment, you will greatly oblige me.

In Conclusion it is proper to say that I have caused letters to be addressed to all delinquent Notaries demanding their bonds, and stating that in Case of failure to Comply their Commissions would be revoked. I deemed this step necessary in order to avoid further mischief in this direction.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Svt
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Telegram.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City April 9th 1867.

Hon Ben F Wade
President United States Senate
Washington D.C.

I have the honor to inform you that the municipal elections in the three principal Cities of Colorado transpired on the 1st instant, at which every Colored Citizen therein exercised the right of suffrage without the slightest molestation. About One hundred and Seventy (170) Votes.

Frank Hall
Secretary & Acting Governor.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City April 15 1867

Daniel Witter Esqr
Denver C.T.
Sir.

The Several proposals for printing 300 Copies of the Laws of Colorado in the Spanish language, were opened at my office in this City to-day. You being the lowest responsible bidder the Contract is hereby Awarded to you, in accordance with the provisions of my advertisement of March 14th 1867.

I will meet you on a day to be determined hereafter for the purpose of preparing the requisite papers, bond etc.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden city April 29th 1867

Hon R. W. Taylor
First Comptroller Treasury Dept
Washington D.C.
Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Draft No 1622 on Treasury Warrant No 367 for the sum of Two Thousand ($2000) Dollars, pursuant to my Requisition dated April 3rd 1867.

With Great Respect
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City May 11th 1867

Richard E Whitsitt Esqr
Territorial Auditor

Sir

I take this opportunity to inform you that I have decided to direct the Collectors of the Public Revenue throughout the Territory to submit their accounts to you as the only Officer who is legally qualified to adjust the same. Columbus Truckell Esqr Territorial Treasurer has been notified to pay your Warrants upon the Treasury, and none others.

When practicable you will Cancel all Warrants issued by one H. J. Graham, who has for a time been acting as Territorial Auditor without legal authority, giving your own in exchange therefor.

Very Respectfully
Frank K Hall
Secretary (&) Acting Governor.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Golden City May 16th 1867

To the Treasurer of Arapahoe County.

Sir

Pursuant to direction of Acting Governor Hall I have the honor to inform you that all official Communications intended for the Auditor of this Territory, should be addressed to R. E. Whitsitt Esqr, Denver C.T. who alone is recognized by this Department as Auditor authorized and Qualified to act as such.

You are further Notified that whatever authority or Color of Authority any person other than the said R. E. Whitsitt may Claim to act as Auditor by virtue of any Commission heretofore issued from this Department is Cancelled and Revoked.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant.
A. J. Chamberlain
Secretary Clerk.

Similar Notice sent to Each County Treasurer of the Territory.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City June 1st 1867

Hon. R. W. Taylor
First Comptroller Treasy Dept
Washington D. C.
Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith my Semi-Annual Report for the half year ending June 1st 1867. I would respectfully direct your attention to the Several Vouchers for printing and to request that they be adjusted at your Earliest Convenience.

With Great Respect
your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City June 6th 1867

To the Sheriff of Arapahoe County
Sir

You are hereby Notified that at the next General Election to be holden on the First Tuesday in August A.D. 1867 Members of the Council and House of Representatives of the Territorial Legislature are to be Chosen,— the former for the full term of Four Years the latter for the full term of two Years, Pursuant to the provisions of the recent amendment of the Organic act of this Territory, a Copy of which is herewith Enclosed

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

(Similar Notice sent to Each Sheriff throughout the Territory.)

22 Advertisement

Public Notice

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City July 1st 1867

Public Notice is hereby directed to the subjoined Amendment of the Organic Act of Colorado Territory Enacted by the 39th Congress of the United States at its last Session and approved March 2d 1867.

An Act
Amendatory of the Organic Act of Colorado Territory

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representations of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

That hereafter the Sessions of the Legislative Assembly of Colorado Territory shall be biennial. Members of the Council shall be Elected for the term of four years, and Members of the House for the term of two years, and shall receive the sum of six dollars per day instead of three dollars as heretofore allowed and shall also receive the same mileage as now allowed by law

Section 2 And be it further Enacted. That each House shall have authority to Elect in addition to the Officers now allowed by law an Enrolling Clerk who shall receive Five Dollars per day. The Chief Clerks shall receive Six Dollars per day Each.

Section 3. And be it further Enacted. That the Members of the Legislative Assembly elected at the General Election of said Territory in the year 1867 shall Compose the first Legislature under this Act, and the said Legislature shall meet at the time now fixed by law for the meeting of the Legislative Assembly of Colorado Territory.

The first General Election under the new Regulation will occur on the first Tuesday in August next As provided by Law.

Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Telegram.

Central City C.T.
August 14th 1867

Hon Wm H Seward
Secretary of State
Washington D.C.

I have the honor to request leave of absence for three months beginning August 19th. I have just received intelligence of the death of My Step-Father, and it is important that I return to New York immediately. Please telegraph your answer to this place.

Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Note Refused on the ground of there being no Governor in the Territory.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City August 21st 1867

To the County Clerk of Arapahoe County
Sir

This office is frequently called upon to authenticate the official acts of County Officers (especially Justices of the Peace) the names and signatures of whom we have no official knowledge. It is therefore for the purpose of obtaining such information that the accompanying blank is sent you. You are respectfully requested to cause the same to be filled out in accordance with the printed headings and returned to this office as soon as practicable after the expiration of the time allowed by law for the qualification of Officers.

This list pertains to Qualified Officers exclusively and should embrace all Officers holding over as well as those Chosen at the recent election.

You will please keep this office advised of Whatever Changes may from time to time occur in the Officers of your County. Should one blank prove insufficient for a complete list a second is Enclosed to supply such deficiency.

Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Similar Circulars with blanks sent to Each Clerk in the Territory.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City Aug 26th 1867

To the Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.
Sir

I have the honor to submit the following estimate of Legislative and Incidental Expenses for the Seventh Session of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory as demanded by the late Amendment to the Organic Act enacted by the Fortieth Congress and approved March 2d 1867: to wit:

Per diem and Mileage of Members and pay of Clerks &c	$15.500
Stationery	1.500
Incidental Expenses	3.000
Printing	6.000
Total	$26.000

A copy of the Amendment referred to is Enclosed herewith. By reference to its provisions it will be seen that the per diem of members is fixed at Six Dollars instead of Three Dollars as heretofore established, and also that the number of Clerks is increased. This will explain the large amount of my present requisition. As the Legislative Assembly will convene on the First Monday in December I must respectfully request that the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Dollars be placed to my Credit in one of the National Depositories (The First National Bank of Denver preferred) in this Territory at the Earliest Practicable day.

With Great Respect
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall.
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City Aug 27 1867

W. Hemphill Jones Esqr
Acting Comptroller Treasy Dept
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will furnish me at your earliest convenience with a statement of the balance, if there be any, now standing to the credit of the Secretary of Colorado in your department. An Amendment to the Organic Act of this Territory was passed by the Fortieth Congress which provides that hereafter the Sessions of the Legislative Assembly shall occur biennially, and that the per diem of Members and Clerks shall be Six Dollars instead of Three Dollars as heretofore allowed. The number of Clerks is increased from four to Six. The first Session under this law will be convened on the first Monday in December next, and in order to meet the requisite expenditure I have drawn my Requisition upon the Secretary of the Treasury for Twenty Six Thousand Dollars. I am aware that this sum exceeds the Appropriation for this year but I cannot meet the demands with a less amount. I have depended largely upon the presumption that a surplus arising from unexpended appropriations had accrued in sufficient amount to cover my overdraft.

Will you be kind enough to furnish me with such information in regard to this matter as will enable me to proceed with a proper understanding?

With Great Respect
your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City Oct 7th 1867

To the County Clerk of Pueblo County

Sir

The laws passed at the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Sessions of the Territorial Legislature, and printed in the Spanish language pursuant to Enactment of the last Legislature are now ready for distribution. The number of Copies to which your County is Entitled will appear from the Certified list of the officers of your County which list you are again respectfully requested to have filled out in accordance with instructions heretofore sent you and returned to this office at the Earliest Practicable day. The postage on said laws is Ninety Cents per copy.

Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

(Similar notice sent to the Clerks of Huerfano, Las Animas, Conejos, Costilla and Laguna (the Counties)

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City Oct 20 1864

Hon. Jas A Morgan
Actg Commissioner Pension Office
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 7th inst requesting a Certified Copy in duplicate of the act of this Territory legitimating Ante-nuptial Children.
Enclosed herewith I hand you a Certified Copy of Sections Seven (7) and Ten (10) of an act Concerning Descents and Distributions enacted by the First Legislative Assembly of Colorado Territory Approved October 31st A.D. 1861, which Contains all the information upon this subject Afforded by our Territorial Statutes.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City Oct 25 1867

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Treasury Draft 1901 on Treasury Warrant 1898 Covering the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars and directed to the Colorado National Bank of Denver. Also Treasury Draft 1902 on Treasury Warrant 1898 Covering the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and directed to the First National Bank of Denver, in answer to my Requisition bearing date August 26th 1867.

With Great Respect
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City Oct 26 1867

Hon R. W Taylor
First Comptroller Treasy Dept
Washington D.C.
Sir.

I have the honor to report that I have received no Salary for my Services as Secretary, Since the expiration of the first Quarter of the present year, and that I have been in Constant Attendance upon the duties of my office. I respectfully request that the amount of Salary now due may be remitted at an Early day.

With Great Respect
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Golden City Oct 31 1867

Hon Thos A. Kennard
Secretary of the State of Nebraska
Sir.

Your letter with Enclosures of date the 10th inst is at hand. The Copy of a Joint Resolution of the Nebraska Legislature, ratifying the proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, with accompanying papers has been filed in this Department.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Dec 2nd 1867

Hon Allen A. Bradford
Denver C.T.
Sir.

I have the honor to apprise you of Your appointment, and Confirmation by the Legislative Council, to be one of three Commissioners Selected to locate the Capitol Pito for the Territory of Colorado. Your Associates in the Commission are Wm M Roworth of Gilpin County and Hon J. M. Marshall of Boulder. A Copy of the act under which these appointments were made is enclosed herewith.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary and Acting Governor.

Similar notice transmitted to Wm M Roworth and J. M. Marshall. Letters of acceptance received from Each.

Note. The Seventh Session of the Territorial Legislature began at Golden City on the Second day of December A D 1867, and was adjourned to Denver under an Act locating the Capital of the Territory in that City, - December 9th 1867.

His Excellency A Cameron Hunt, the Governor, being absent in Washington, Frank Hall Secretary and Acting Governor, Conducted the Session to its final adjournment. For proceedings, See Executive Record.

Under this Act also, all the Offices of the Department were at once removed to the new Capital.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Jany 13 1868

Hon T. S. Smith
Auditor Treasy Dept
Washington D.C.

Sir

In obedience to your order of the 3rd instant I transmit herewith my account of Legislative expenses from June 1st to Dec 1st 1866 together with six duplicate Vouchers, the originals having been rendered with my Semi-Annual Report Dec 1st 1866. This account embraces all expenditures of this department from April 10th to November 30th 1866, the dates named in your letter.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Jany 16th 1868

Hon. R. W. Tayler
First Comptroller Treasy Dept
Washington D. C.

Sir

I transmit by mail herewith my Semi-Annual Report of Legislative expenses from June 1st 1867 to December 1st 1867, both days inclusive. The delay

in transmission is accounted for by the fact that the Legislative Assembly convened on the 2nd of December and by my having to discharge the duties of the Governor during his absence in Washington."

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Executive Office
Colorado Territory
Denver January 21st 1868

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I shall require, to meet the Legislative Expenses of the present quarter, the sum of Seven Thousand ($7,000) Dollars. The estimate submitted last quarter I find insufficient to meet all the demands growing out of the late Amendment of the Organic Act of this Territory.

By placing the sum above named to my Credit, at the Ocean Bank in New York, or the First National Bank of Denver you will greatly oblige me.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver January 21st 1868

His Excellency Benito Juarez,
President of the Republic of Mexico
City of Mexico.

Sir

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency of the transmission of the Proposed Telegraphic Connection between the Capitals of the United States of Mexico and the

Mexico. Gale Capitan Northward, and also Cuba to the
on the Continent of North America and Europe, by
Means of the Atlantic Cable, which may be secured
by the Construction of the projected Line of the "United
States and Mexico Telegraph Company" now organized,
and which has in Contemplation the immediate Construction
of a Telegraphic Line from the City of Mexico to this
place. A full account of the objects and purposes
of the Company will be forwarded for your Excellency's
Consideration at an early day.

Expressing the hope that you will regard the
proposition with favor and afford the Company
such facilities and aid as will enable them to speedily
consummate this great enterprise, thereby promoting,
and perpetuating the friendly relations and intercourse
between this Government and that of the Republic over
which you preside, I have the honor to remain

With great Respect
Your Excellency's
Obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Acting Secretary of Colorado.

(Note. The foregoing letter was omitted from the Executive Record
when it should have taken place, by an oversight and is therefore entered
here, as a part of the history of the Department.)

Secretary's Office.
Colorado Territory
Denver, February 10th 1868

Assistant Treasurer United States
New York.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst. advising me that Seven Thousand ($7,000) Dollars had been placed to my Credit at the Sub-Treasury in New York, and to inform you that I have this day drawn upon you through the First National Bank of Denver, for the amount, in favor of Governor Gilpin.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary Colorado Territory.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver Feby 17th 1868

E.E. Burlingame Esqr
Georgetown C.T.

Sir. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of acceptance of the appointment named in my Communication under date the 11th inst. Enclosed herewith I hand you a blank form of bond which must be executed with two or more sureties in the penal sum of Five Thousand Dollars, to be approved at this Department. I shall require also a Copy of your Seal of Office in wax to be filed with your bond. When these instructions shall have been complied with and approved your Commission as Territorial Assayer will issue, and the requisite proceedings entered upon to secure the establishment of the Office as Contemplated by law.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Acting Governor.

Note. The foregoing Letter omitted from Ex Records).

Advertisement

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Feby 17th 1868

Sealed Proposals

For Translating And Printing the Laws of Colorado in the Spanish Language.

To All Whom it May Concern.

In Compliance with the provisions of an act of the Fourth Legislative Assembly Entitled "An Act providing for the publication of the laws of the Territory of Colorado in the Spanish Language" approved January 10th 1868, it is hereby announced that Sealed Proposals for the proper execution of said work will be received for four weeks following the date of this notice at my office in the City of Denver.

Bidders will be governed by the following Stipulations."

First — No bids exceeding the limits of the Appropriation (Three Thousand ($3000) Dollars in Territorial Warrants) will be received, and the Contract will be Awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

Second — The type used must be of no less Size than "Small Pica" for the Laws with Agate or Nonpareil for Marginal Annotations and Indexes.

Third — The party or parties to whom the Contract is awarded, will be required to enter into bonds to be approved by the Secretary of the Territory in a sum not less than double the Contract price, Conditioned for the faithful performance of the work

Fourth — The number of Copies to be Five Hundred (500) multiplied and substantially bound in Paper Cover; each to contain in addition to the General Statutes, enacted by the Second Legislative Assembly such parts of the Session of the Six previous Sessions as are not Contained in the two volumes Territory published, — the Declaration of Independence, and Constitution of the United States, the Organic Act of Colorado Territory and the several Amendments thereto.

Fifth — All manuscript Copies of the Laws aforementioned must be made at the expense of the Contractor.

Sixth — The work to be completed and delivered at my Office in the City of Denver within Nine months from the date of Contract.

Proposals should be enclosed in legal envelopes addressed to the undersigned at Denver, Colorado, and endorsed "Proposals for translating and printing the Laws of Colorado in the Spanish Language"

Denver C.T.
Feby 1st 1868

Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Feby 21st 1868

Wilbur F. Stone Esqr
Attorney 3rd Judicial District
Pueblo C.T.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt this day of your letter enclosing Official bond and oath of office as District Attorney for the 3rd Judicial District of Colorado, and to inform you that both have been approved and placed on file in this department.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Feby 24 1868

John M. Brown Esqr
Clerk of Huerfano County
Sir

I find by reference to the last election returns from Huerfano County that no County Seal is affixed thereto. It is proper to say that no paper issuing from your official hand can be legally regarded as genuine by this department without the authentication of this official stamp.

You will therefore permit me to suggest the propriety of bringing this matter before the Commissioners of your County at an early day and ask that a public seal for the use of your office be provided.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Note. Similar notice addressed to the Clerks of Douglas, Arapahoe, Fremont, El Paso, Weld and Larimer Counties.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
February 25th 1868

Gen Hal Kupp.
Adjutant-General of Colorado

Sir

You are hereby directed to Collect, inventory, and properly secure in some safe building or room to which you alone have access all arms and Military Equipment belonging to the Territory of Colorado and when accomplished to transmit a Copy of such inventory and proceedings to this Office.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary (Pro) Acting Governor.

(The foregoing omitted from Executive Record)

General Circular

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver 1868

To the Honorable
The Secretary of the State of _____

Sir

I have the honor to address you and through you the Librarian of your State, that in pursuance of the provisions of the Congressional Act approved March 3rd 1864 the Territories of the United States are restricted to a specific amount of Mail matter, embracing letters and Newspapers sent to bona fide subscribers from offices of publication only. Under this oppressive regulation we receive your Circulars announcing the transmission of State Documents with pleasing regularity, but no books are permitted to burden the Overland Mails except embellished with letter rates of postage, and thus the force of your attention to the benighted of the "far West" is utterly lost. In view of these circumstances, I have to request that you forward (three of each) only the usual Law Reports, Digests, Reports of State

Officers and such other works of a public character as will be of use in our Library. Omitting Legislative Journals Statutes &c &c. All packages should be securely boxed and forwarded by Wells Fargo & Co or the United States Express both doing business in this City.

We have in press the Revised and Consolidated Statutes of this Territory. which will be published in one Volume of nearly 800 pages, on or about the 1st of July next. When ready for General distribution a Copy will be mailed to your address.

It is much to be desired that the former franking privilege under which such publications were exchanged by the Governors of States, greatly to the advantage of the public libraries, should be restored. A Concerted effort by the Executives of all the States might I think influence Congress to reenact the law or afford something equally acceptable. In behalf of the public interest. I hope to have your personal and as also your influence among members of the National Legislature in an effort to have this privilege recommitted to the hands from which it was unwisely taken.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver May 27th 1868

E. E. Burlingame Esqr
Territorial Assayer Central City

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, your Commission as Territorial Assayer, and to inform you that I will be at the City of Central on Monday next with a view to establishing the Office as provided by law. At which time I hope to meet and Consult you further in relation to the matter. Your Official bond has been received approved and filed in this Department

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary Colorado.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver July 28th 1868

Hon George M. Chilcott M. C.
Washington D.C.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of date the 21st ultimo enclosing instructions from Secretary Otto in regard to the Penitentiary site of Colorado Territory.

I take pleasure in submitting the subjoined statement of facts in relation to this subject which may be of service in your interview with the Honorable the Secretary of the Interior.

In obedience to the provisions of an Act of the Legislative Assembly providing for the location of the Penitentiary, I appointed on the 10th day of January three Commissioners who were subsequently confirmed by the Council — and instructed them to proceed at once to Canon City for the purpose of selecting and perfecting the title to a site for this public edifice, in accordance with the requirements of the act above referred to. In due time the result of their action was reported to me in writing the same being accompanied by a deed conveying the title from the original pre-emptor of the land chosen, to the Territory of Colorado. A map showing the ground, its general natural and artificial advantages and immediate surroundings will be found among the documents sent you by mail herewith.

The Commissioners confidently assert in their report that no site more eligible in all respects for the purposes named could have been found within the Territory. More than two thirds of the thirty acres donated is fine alluvial soil susceptible of the highest cultivation. Upon one corner stands an immense grove of Pine timber, and on the opposite boundary the line is an equal amount of the finest building stone, to which an unconditional lease, for a period of ten years, is given. The flattering report of the Commissioners is supported by numerous affidavits from parties familiar with the premises.

On the 3rd inst., having as they believed accomplished their mission as Commissioners, they asked

to be discharged from further service. which I declined granting until you had been Communicated with and the result of the Secretary's investigation of the papers submitted should be made known.

On the 10th your letter with Enclosure arrived Conveying the intelligence of our error in Making the deed to the ground selected in the name of the Territory instead of the United States. as demanded by the Interior Department.

I am unable to Conceive, in view of the action already taken, how it will be possible ~~for~~ to Consummate the design of the law Creating the right to Construct a Penitentiary in Colorado, except the United States, through authorized Ministers Waives its Claim to the title as now fixed. In the absence of any instructions or intimation on the part of the General Government as to the question of title the Legislature took such action as seemed wise and appropriate. If its Course was improper it Can only be remedied I suppose by the adoption of my last suggestion or by the Legislature which is to Convene two years hence. A Penitentiary for the Confinement and punishment of Criminals is greatly needed, a fact that I need not dwell upon since it is thoroughly appreciated and will be fully explained by you in person interview with the Secretary.

It seems to me that the United States may safely, and without incurring the danger of an evil precedent, set aside its Claims to the site and permit the Commencement of work with the Earliest Coming of Spring. We are, as you know absolutely deprived of protection against the frequent Commission of ~~Crime~~ Crime by lawless men, because when arraigned and Convicted there is no secure place for the Confinement of such offenders.

In Conclusion let me entreat you in behalf of the public interest to represent our Condition earnestly at head quarters; to urge with the full strength of persuasive powers the justice of our demand upon the Consideration of the Government. — With Earnest wishes for the success of your endeavors in this matter I remain

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary & acting Governor.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver March 2nd 1868

Maj Gen. A. J. Smith
Commanding Department
Leavenworth Kansas

Sir.

I am compelled by the force of Circumstances to Call upon you for military aid for the enforcement of the laws and the preservation of order among the citizens of a Certain portion of this Territory, now under my official Care.

Gen W. T. Prince Commanding the Post of Fort Lyon has, doubtless, transmitted to you some account of the troubles occurring in and about the town of Trinidad - in the town of Las Animas County in the Southern part of this Territory - in the months of January last, together with a report of his timely Arrival, and successful efforts toward stopping the further effusion of blood and in restoring order to an excited and turbulent Community.

The local authorities and good citizens having united in making an Earnest appeal to me, praying that such action might be taken ~~as~~ as would give permanency to the present arrangements put in force by Gen Prince, I asked that officer to retain a small detachment of troops in the town for the preservation of peace, and the protection of one Class from the murderous designs of the other and larger class, and subsequently visited the place for the purpose of investigating personally the recent tragic Events. On my arrival I found the feeling between the antagonistic races - Mexican and American - to be exceedingly bitter, threatening further loss of life should the troops stationed there be withdrawn. I found the County without any efficient Civil Organization - swarming with thieves, murderers and desperadoes whose daily incursions upon the herds of the farmers or Ranchmen throughout Las Animas and adjoining Counties kept the Citizens in a Chronic state of alarm and involved the total abandonment of that fruitful section unless some measures were taken for the better protection of life and property.

A very large majority of the residents are Mexicans who have been grossly outraged and incited to revenge by a few of the very worst class of Americans.

Finding

that the County afforded superior advantages for farming and stock raising. Many enterprising and well disposed Americans have settled there, established homes and entered upon the work of the development of the rich and varied resources around them. Near at hand on the Raton Mountains which traverse the southern boundary of the County and Territory, and afford unusual facilities for the retention of stolen stock, an advantage secured and prized by the horde of lawless marauders of both races whose only vocation is rapine and murder.

Having ascertained the actual condition of affairs I proceeded to Fort Lyon, one hundred and twenty miles distant to Consult General Pleasonton in relation to the recent outbreak and the measures to prevent a recurrence of the same.

I take pleasure in endorsing the Generals Course in quelling the disturbances in question. I am confident that measures less wise, and less vigorously enforced could not have prevented the massacre of every American in the County. You will appreciate the Character of the Elements with which he had to deal, when I give as the declaration of the Sheriff of the County, that he Could depend for support in the Enforcement of the laws upon less than twelve men out of the whole force within immediate Call, the balance being in greater or less degree Connected with the banditti of the Mountains— a declaration which personal observation convinced me was very nearly Correct.

I have reason to fear that further Collisions will occur in the present disorganized state of society, and that more serious results than any that have yet transpired are possible— indeed almost Certain to follow unless the Military force which holds them in subjection shall be retained until the force of Civil Law shall be once more thoroughly established. The Emigration thither the Coming Spring promises to be large, and Composed of all Classes of people, many of them attracted by the recent discovery of valuable Gold mines, and thus will be introduced new Elements of disorder, strengthening still further the necessity for military protection.

In Conclusion, General, I would esteem it a great favor, if you Can see your way Clear to instruct Gen Pleasonton to station a Company of troops in or near

the town of Trinidad, for such length of time as public Exigencies may require, and whenever called upon by the Sheriff of the County or directly by this Department, to afford such assistance as may in his discretion seem advisable for the maintenance of the Civil laws under the Civil Authorities.

In the hope that my request will be approved I have the honor to be Genrs

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary & Acting Governor
C.T.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver April 1st 1868

His Excellency
Lucius Fairchild
Governor of the State of Wisconsin
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Communication under date the 14th ultimo, enclosing a Copy of the Joint Resolution of the Legislature of your State, Concerning National Affairs. The same has been placed on file in this Office.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver April 3rd 1868

Messrs Redick & Briggs
Omaha Nebraska
Gentlemen

Your Communication of date the 31st ultimo, desiring information respecting

the incorporation of Wells Fargo & Co is at hand.
In reply I have to say that no Company having that title has been incorporated in any form under the laws of this Territory. Wells Fargo & Co derive their powers as a Corporation from a Charter granted by the Territorial Legislature at its Fifth Session incorporating Ben Holladay, David McStruct, Ben M. Hughes, S. L. M. Barlow, and John E. Russell and their Associates, a Copy of which is Contained in the Volume of laws of that Session by mail herewith.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver April 6th 1868

Hon Samuel E. May
Secretary of the State of Oregon
Sir

I am in receipt of your Circular letter bearing date January 20th making inquiry respecting the insane and idiotic of this Territory.

In reply I have to say that having no institutions of the Kind in the Territory, there being no room for them at this early period of our history, there is no data upon the subject obtainable. There are few Institutes for, insane or idiotic persons within our limits and these are supported by private Charities

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver April 9th 1868

J. L. Kinnear Esqr
Sheriff of San Miguel County
Trinidad C T

Sir.

Enclosed I hand you Mil. Warrant for the arrest of Lyons J Coe, together with an order for his delivery to the duly accredited Agent of the Territory of New Mexico, in response to the Requisition of His Excellency A. H. Heath Acting Governor of New Mexico, made upon me under date March 19th 1868.

You will hold the prisoner subject to the order as above indicated. Forward by next mail notice to the Governor of New Mexico that Coe is in your hands.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Acting Governor.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver April 9th 1868

His Excellency A. H. Heath
Acting Governor of New Mexico

Sir.

I have the honor to apprise you of the recapture of Lyons J Coe and that he is now in the custody of J L Kinnear of San Miguel County, who has been directed to hold the fugitive subject to your order.

Please fill the official Notification herewith by inserting the name of your agent, and transmit a Copy thereof to this Department.

Very Respectfully...
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Acting Governor.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver April 20th 1868

Thomas Keyes Esqr
Clerk of Lake County
Sir.

At the risk of appearing to be persistent, I again direct your attention to the subject of Precinct Returns. As your Commissioners have not yet established the requisite Voting Precincts in the new territory acquired by the Change of the boundaries of Lake County by act of the Fourth Legislature, they should lose no time in Calling a Special Session for that purpose as it is important that I be furnished with a Complete list of the number to be used in your County at the next general Election without unnecessary delay. The Registry law, to which my last letter referred, Compels me to provide each County with Registry books to the number of three for Each precinct and as the aggregate for the Territory will be large I am anxious to get the work in press at the Earliest moment. Please give this matter your personal attention and report the result at the Earliest opportunity.

Very Respectfully
Francis Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Note. Similar notice sent to the Clerks of Huerfano, Conejos, Arapahoe, and Costilla Counties.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver May 11th 1868

Hon B. F. Wade
President U.S. Senate
Washington DC
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day forwarded & your address a full set of Colorado Statutes for the Convenience of the House over which you preside

Very respectfully
your ob't serv't
Francis Hall

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver May 11th 1868

Hon. Schuyler Colfax
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day transmitted by Mail to your address a full set of Colorado Statutes for the convenience of the House of Representatives.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver July 22nd 1868

To the Clerk of Fremont County
Canon City C.T.

Sir

I call your attention to an act entitled "An Act to Create and Establish a Board of Registry of Elections" Section 66 (III) page 298 of the Revised Statutes, which means in brief that the Commissioners are required to lay off and publish the boundaries of all voting precincts in their respective Counties; and if no newspaper is published within the County limits to post a copy of said boundaries in some conspicuous place in each precinct.

This should have been done on the first Tuesday of July, and no further time should be lost in attending to this essential provision.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Note. Similar notice sent to all County Clerks.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver July 27th 1868

Hon R W Taylor
Comptroller Treasy Dept
Washington D.C.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst enclosing a Statement of differences

Thy instructions are to report semi-annually, on the 1st day of June and December, Statements of receipts and expenditures on account of Legislative expenses. My report rendered on the 1st of last December did not contain the draft for $7000 designated in your Statement because it was not received by me until the 10th of February following

It will be found properly Credited in my last report dated June 1st 1868.

Concerning the suspension of $13.54 Internal Revenue tax on $270.80 amount in excess of $600 for Annum paid to E M Ashley for Services as Clerk, I beg to say that I was ignorant of the Departmental Customs in such matters when the mistake was made

Mr Ashley has paid me the amount which awaits your order. Please notify me as to what disposition shall be made of it.

With great Respect
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver August 6th 1868

J. L. Gaspar Esqr
Clerk of Costilla County
San Luis C T

Sir

On this date I send you the requisite number of Registry Books to supply

each precinct in your County (as per your list on file in my office) with three Copies as provided by law.

On Each will be found printed instructions for the advisement of the Clerks and Registry Boards, which I have endeavored to make plain and intelligible, covering all points, and which if carefully examined, and followed will be a sufficient guidance.

It will be impossible for me to furnish a sufficient number of the Revised Statutes to supply all the County Officers, and Registry Boards besides, and therefore you should give the latter the preference in distributing those sent you, with the express understanding that they are issued by you as a loan, to be returned as soon as their duties as Judges and Registrars of Election cease.

The propriety of this understanding is obvious. The Election laws having received many important changes by the last Legislature, it is essential that Each Board of Registry and the Judges of Election should have the law before them.

I trust that you will give these Boards all the information on doubtful points that may be in your power, and otherwise assist in carrying out the requirments of the law. The first meeting of the Boards of Registry will be had on the 18th instant. The instructions are commended to your Carful Consideration

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Secretary of State

Note. Similar letter sent to each County Clerk.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver August 20 1868

Col J. Ross Snowden
Special Agent Treasy Dept U.S.
Denver C.T.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date July 13th, propounding certain interrogatories respecting the Administration of the Office of Assistant Treasurer of the United States in this City."

To the first I answer that my official position is that of Secretary of Colorado, and reside in Denver.

Second. I have but slight personal Knowledge of the manner in which business is generally conducted in the Office named.

To the third interrogatory which reads, "Do you know of the first payment of payment of any draft or drafts on said Office" I submit the following statement in reply. viz

In the months of December 1866, between the 15th & 25th if my memory serves me correctly — I received from the hand of Hon. Geo W McClure, acting Assistant Treasurer during the temporary absence of Hon Geo W Lane, a United States Treasury Warrant which called for the transfer of Twelve Thousand Dollars to my official Credit. To my demand for the money, which was needed to meet the expenses of the Legislature then in session, he replied that he had no government funds in his possession, and therefore could not meet the requisition. I then telegraphed the Hon W. A. Spinner that payment of his draft had been refused, together with the reasons assigned. Hon Spinner replied immediately by telegraph directing the Assistant Treasurer then to pay the draft out of any funds on deposit in his Vaults. The next morning Mr McClure took Coach for the East, leaving my draft unpaid.

The demand upon me for funds to meet Legislative expenses becoming each day more urgent, I was persuaded to pledge my personal Credit at the First National Bank of Denver for Twelve Thousand Dollars, Two thousand of which I drew at once to

must existing emergencies. At the expiration of the session I made provision for the payment of my Official Checks at the Counter of the Bank pointed to. These Checks were subsequently presented to the Assistant Treasurer, and invariably "Drawn out."

The postponement of payment on this draft covered a period of about three weeks.

I have no personal knowledge of other postponements having occured, nor of any other irregular transactions occurring in the conduct of said office.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Explanatory Note.

On the 26th of August 1868, the mutilated corpses of a woman and her child were brought to Denver and exhibited publicly as ghastly evidence of the presence in the Territory of hostile Indians, who made their first blood upon the settlers of Douglas County. The people became excited, and gathered on the streets in great numbers, calling loudly for the authorities to come forward and render armed assistance to the Section thus invaded. Inflammatory speeches were made and the wildest disorder threatened. Being Called to address the populace, I stated all the facts in my possession, and at the close of my remarks Called for a Company of Fifty Mounted Volunteers. There being no Territorial fund at my Command wherewith to meet the expense of their equipment and maintenance in the field, the City of Denver assumed the burden. In less than two hours, the fifty men were enrolled, Major Jacob Downing elected to take Command, horses and accoutrements gathered and all in readiness for the march. Some delay was experienced in Collecting Subsistence Stores, owing to the lateness of the hour, but at 3 o'clock next morning the Column moved out of town and by noon of the following day reached the invaded Settlements. The subjoined letter of instructions was issued to Capt Downing in accordance with the Spirit of dispatches received from General Sherman then at Fort Laramie.

Etc.,

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver August 26th 1868

Capt Jacob Downing
Commanding Citizens' Relief Corps.

Sir.

The expedition under your Command has been organized for the purpose of Extending relief and protection to isolated and defenceless families occupying the line of Country traversed and devastated by certain tribes of hostile Indians.

You are not to make war upon the Indians nor Commit any act likely to bring on a general Collision with them. But should you be attacked by them you will Conduct the battle according to the rules of Civilized warfare.

It should be your Chief purpose however to protect by your Armed Presence, the defenceless citizens and if possible restore such property in stock as may have been taken from them by the Savages. Your line of march should embrace the section of Country which is most seriously menaced, extending the same to such other points as may in your judgement seem to require your aid.

Reports of your proceedings should be sent under seal to this office as often as may be practicable.

United States troops will be asked for by the acting Executive, and if granted will be at once sent to relieve you.

I trust to your great and varied experience as a Soldier, and the intelligence, Patriotism and bravery of your volunteers, for good results. That these results will follow I do not for a moment doubt.

Very Respectfully
your obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor.

After an absence of Several days the troops returned without having met any Considerable force of Indians.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver August 27 1868

Capt George West
Golden City C T

Dear Sir.

Your note of this date tendering the services of a party of volunteers from Golden City for the relief of frontier settlers from the incursions of hostile indians is at hand.

In reply I have to say that while there is great need of your services, I am utterly powerless to give any assistance toward bringing the men to the field. My stock of useful arms is nearly exhausted and I have neither subsistence equipments nor horses. The settlers occupying the section of Country lying between Forts Lupton and Latham are seriously menaced by a large body of Savages. Three men have been killed and it is feared that further bloodshed will follow.

If your people are in circumstances as to be able to send out a small party to their assistance the service will be gratifully received. I regard the present outbreak as a deliberate and well executed uprising of the indians, since they have completely surrounded us and struck all their blows simultaneously. Thank the good people of Golden in my name for their generous offer and believe me

Very Truly Yours
Frank Hall
acting Governor.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver August 31st 1868

Capt L. R. Bailey
Fort Lupton C T
Sir

Your letter of recent date received at noon today. Orders are this good News you send. My personal Credit has been pledged for supplies for your men in the field, which are forwarded by the bearer of your letter. Mr Doughty

took away about 2000 rounds of Cartridges and 30 guns at 10 o'clock this morning. I will do everything in my power to aid your brave men in the noble work they are doing. Express my gratitude to your Command and those under Asheraft and Godfrey. Send to me unhesitatingly for what you need & it shall be furnished if within my power.

Very Truly Yours
Frank Hall
Acting Governor.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver August 31st 1868

Major Gen. P. H. Sheridan U.S.A.
Fort Hayes Kansas

Sir.

Recent events Concerning which a number of telegrams han passed between us, seem to require a more Elaborate explination than has yet been afforded, and the object of this letter will be to set forth the Circumstances in brief so far as ascertained, leading to and accompanying the late unfortunate collision between the Citizens of Colorado and the Arapahoe Indians.

The fact that repeated endeavors have been made by the Agents of the General Government to Consummate a lasting peace with the hostile Indians of the plains the last having occurred at Sannie but a few months since is well known, as also that the Indians treated with were furnished with abundant testimonials certifying their newly formed relations with the Government and People. For years past the people of Colorado have suffered the double Curse of Indian war and a government apparently incensed against them, persistently resisting with reproaches every appeal for protection and pleading us entirely outside all its beneficient influences.

It has been said of us that we were anxious for war in order that we might reap the benefits to accrue from the presence of large bodies of troops, which is not

true as I purpose showing by the following statement of facts.

The first settlers of this Country found the Ute nation in peaceful occupation of the soil from a certain line in the plains to a certain point Westward among the mountains. Within Eight years we have planted Civilization upon a large portion of their once extensive domain, and yet there is no instance on record when the two races have during that time come into armed Collision, nor has a single life been sacrificed on either side. The Utes mingle freely with our citizens everywhere, and when needy their wants are supplied by voluntary Contributions. Had we been anxious for war as our traducers assert, we have had a thousand opportunities for its inauguration.

When General Sherman announced the Conclusion of a treaty of peace with the Confederated hostile tribes at Fort Laramie, we rejoiced at the prospect thus opened for a peaceful future. But in less than two months thereafter these tribes came amongst us wearing the Union blue of our National Army, and bearing in their hands testimonials furnished them by the officers of the Government as indisputable evidence of the establishment of friendly relations and were everywhere received with open hands and kindly hearts. When hungry bread was given without Stint, to Americans were the settlers to prove their loyalty to the Government and their desire for peace.

In return for this open handed hospitality, the Indians quietly distributed themselves over the uninhabited portions of the plains, ascertained the localities, strength, and quality of the herds of horses, the number of men likely to be brought against them in case of an attack, throttled every avenue of escape, and, at a given signal attack an hundred points simultaneously, murdering all who stood in their way, burning houses and fields when the Spirit seized them, and driving off hundreds of valuable horses to their secret hiding places to swell the numbers already theirs from numerous previous forays.

No Resistance was made, not an Indian killed. The Country was disarmed, surprised, paralyzed by the Suddenness and mysteriousness of the attack. Surely it will not be said that we brought on this War. The mutilated Corpses of two of their

victims—a mother and child—butchered in the most horrible manner were brought into Denver on Wednesday the 26th inst. Hundreds flocked to see them, and in an instant the entire population became inflamed with a desire for vengeance. Public Meetings were called and exciting Speeches made. The air was filled with rumors of brutal tragedies enacted in all directions.

In view of the exertions put forth by General Sherman and yourself to arrest a general war with these indians, I was not willing to encourage the measure proposed by the infuriated people. It was my purpose to restrain them from the Commission of any act which would embarrass either of you, knowing that in a moment of frantic excitement we might undo all that you had labored so assiduously to accomplish. With this feeling I sent my first dispatch stating the facts, and saying the people would begin the work of killing the Indians if not restrained by an order from you affording protection. You could not be reached at the time, and the telegram was therefore sent to Genl Sherman, who was then at Fort Sanders, & was not aware that a copy had been forwarded to you until the morning of the following day.

I addressed the Crowd assembled on the street and Counselled them to preserve order, at the same time Calling for fifty Mounted Volunteers to go to the relief of those points which were most seriously menaced. In a few hours the men were in the saddle and on the March. Instructions were issued to the Officer in Command not to attack the enemy but to afford relief and protection to defenceless settlers. Subsequently Gen Sherman sent an order to fight the indians when met, which order was immediately issued to all the Volunteers in the field.

On Friday Morning the enemy was struck near Latham—on the Platte—with the result telegraphed you—on the 29th. on which day they were again encountered with a loss of four killed and nine Horses killed and wounded.

The Country is being thoroughly scouted from Latham on the East to the head waters of the Republican river on the South East, by about two-

hundred well armed and mounted Volunteers, or Regulars Among the Settlers in various parts of the Territory. These troops Cannot under existing Circumstances remain long in the field, and if depredations are continued their places must be supplied by United States troops, through whom they are to be obtained is beyond my power to determine.

The Cheyennes and Arapahoes, formerly occupied as their favorite hunting ground, the region of Country recently depredated. They know the Country thoroughly and that the field of plunder is both large and rich. Very many thrifty farms are cultivated along the series of streams - tributaries of the Platte and Arkansas. Rivers which traverse it, and therefore no permanent abandonment of old habits Can be looked for.

Should the War now begun become general - a result which seems inevitable if your recent order is to be carried into effect - this fruitful region must be entirely abandoned by the Settlers except a force of Cavalry sufficiently large to prevent these periodical incursions to which exposed thro. Had troops been placed at Fort Morgan and Cedar Point, much good might have been accomplished in this emergency and much disaster averted.

I shall Communicate with you freely at all times, keeping you advised of movements in this quarter.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Actg Gov. & S.T.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver Sept 1st 1868

To Whom it May Concern.

The Indians are in force along the line of Country between Colorado City, and Bijou Basin. The bearer is my Authorized Courier and bearer of dispatches. Afford him relays of horses and such rations as he may require for himself and Companion (if he has a Companion for him also) and keep a strict account of the same, handing your bills to this office for adjustment. Place every facility

for the hastening of his steps in order that further disasters may be averted from the defenseless stricken people of our Country.

Frank L. Hall
Acting Governor.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver Sept 1st 1868

To the Settlers in Bijou Basin & vicinity.

Fifty Arapahoe Indians drove from a point near Colorado City this morning a herd of One hundred and twenty Horses. They disappeared in the direction of Bijou Basin with the herd. By making a general gathering of your mounted and armed Settlers you may intercept them. Get a fight out of them if possible and note the direction taken if they escape you.

Respectfully
Frank Hall
Acting Governor.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Sept 1st 1868

Hon R. W. Taylor
First Comptroller Treas Dept
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of date the 25th ultimo, stating that a statement of differences found in your examination of my accounts from Dec 1st 1867 to June 1st 1868 had been transmitted, and to say that your Communication inclosed no papers of that nature. When received I will take great pleasure in making the requisite Corrections.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver Sept 4th 1868

Brvt Brig Gen H H Wessells U S A
Commanding Fort D. A. Russell.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of date the 28th ult with Enclosures, & return the latter herewith duly signed.

One Case of Rifles Came by Coach on the 30th — the remaining Two by Express forwarding of this date. Permit me to thank you for your prompt Compliance with my request in their transmission.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Acting Gov.

On the 3rd of September the Honorable Schuyler Colfax Speaker of the House of Representatives, Washington, being in the City and fully Cognizant of our ~~virginal~~ Conflict with the Indians, sent the annexed Dispatch over the Wires.

Denver C. T.
Sept 3rd 1868

Hon J. M. Schofield Secretary of War, Washington,
Lieut Gen J J Rawlins Asst Adjt Gen Army United States "
Lieut Gen W T Sherman St Louis Mo,
Major Gen P H Sheridan Hays City Kansas.

For the past ten days hostile Indians have been striking simultaneously at isolated Settlements of Colorado Territory for a Circuit of over two hundred miles. Men, Women and Children have been killed daily, and hundreds of thousands of dollars of property stolen. These atrocities have been mainly near the three lines of travel from this focal point towards the Union Pacific Rail Road, the East Division of Pacific R. R. and the road via Colorado City towards Santa Fe, especially the two latter. This Territory has no means with which to put volunteers in the field. It is almost bare of arms and literally defenceless.

I beg leave respectfully to suggest to your Consideration that a Strong Cavalry force be sent with the utmost Speed to Denver under an efficient and Authorized Commander, with orders to use it for prompt protection of Settlers and punishment of these enemies.
The news of these outrages reaches this place quickest as the Common Centre and from hence the Scenes of these outrages Can be most Quickly reached. I venture to suggest also that a supply of Arms and Ammunition Should in addition be sent to the Territorial authorities.

Schuyler Colfax.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver Sept 5th 1868

To Col Geo A. Forsyth
On the March.

Sir

I am directed by His Excellency Governor Hunt to say that having been advised by General Sheridan of your departure with a Strong force of Cavalry from Fort Wallace for the Head Waters of the Republican & Beaver rivers this Territory, he has sent the bearer with the request that your march be hastened to the relief of the settlers occupying the Country between Bijou & Beaver and Lake Station, who are hard pressed by large numbers of hostile Indians. He would advise that one Company or more of your Command be detached from the main force and thrown forward with all possible haste to the Section indicated, while the remainder goes to the Republican, the present rendezvous of the Indians. You will find there not enemies alone but a large amount of stolen stock which should be recaptured if possible and delivered to the settlers upon proper identification. The bearer will guide you to the several points named if desired.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Svt
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver Sept 19th 1868

Capt GM Graham U.S.A.
Sir.

Your letter under date the 14th inst is at hand. I am much gratified to learn of your rapid advance and of your intention to thoroughly scour this Country recently depredated. Please inform me, when your Command reaches Kiowa and I will have supplies forwarded. It is probable that a force of Citizen Volunteers will be ready to Cooperate with you soon after your arrival.

Wishing your Efforts unlimited success I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully
your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Acting Governor.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver Sept 22nd 1868

General J M Schofield
Secretary of War
Washington D.C.
Sir

I have the honor to request, in view of the fact that for several weeks past large numbers of hostile indians have been and are still waging a very destructive war upon nearly all the frontier settlements of this Territory, that you will cause to be shipped to my address a suitable supply of Arms and Ammunition, in order that the people may in some measure be enabled to save their families and property from destruction. The few Arms, hitherto furnished were issued long since and are much impaired by Almost Continuous service during the present and previous Indian wars.

Owing to the extent of our exposed settlements, their remoteness from Military posts and the small number of troops now in service, no adequate pro-

tection can be afforded by the General Government. I would ask therefore, that Five Hundred (500) of the latest improved Springfield Rifles; Five Hundred (500) of the best Cavalry Carbines, with Equipments, and Fifty Thousand (50,000) Metallic Cartridges for Each style of Arms be forwarded to me at the City of Denver at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
J Hall
Acting Governor Colorado

The foregoing letter was endorsed by Lieut General W. T. Sherman and in due time the requisition was filled and Ordnance Stores forwarded as requested.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Sept 9th 1868

To the Clerk of Jefferson County
Golden City C T

Sir. Enclosed I hand you Sundry blanks, forms to be used in making up your returns of the last General Election. Retain duplicates in your office, and send the Originals to me. Be sure and give the total number of votes cast in your County.

Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Note. Similar letter sent to each County Clerk of the Territory.

Telegram

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver Sept 24th 1868

Lieut Gen W. T. Sherman
St Louis Mo

The Indians are again attacking settlements in this vicinity, stealing property in the County within twenty miles of Denver. Men are murdered, fields, and dwellings burned every week. It is impossible to drive them out and protect the families of settlers at the same time, for they are better armed, mounted, more skilled, and better officered than our men. Each day brings intelligence of fresh barbarities and more extensive depredations. We have lost nearly all our horses by the Indians, and his command is therefore powerless. No prospect can never be safe until the Government takes active measures to punish the murderers? Cannot a battalion of the Army be sent here to protect and preserve the settlements of settlers? Many nothing citizens are being murdered, entirely good care to the Country

T. Hall
Acting Governor

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver Sept 30th 1868

Lieut Gen W. T. Sherman
St Louis Mo.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a statement of persons killed and wounded by Indians during the annual visits of them and more the murders of Colorado, from August 2nd to September 2nd 1868, so far as reported. For accurate satisfactory proof has been furnished. Many other deaths are noted by the papers but having not established evidence, Concerning them, they are omitted from the list herewith.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Thos. K. Hall
Acting Governor

List of Persons Killed and wounded by hostile Indians during their Annual raids upon the Frontiers of Colorado from August 20th to September 24th 1868. Prepared on request of Lieut Col. C. S. Lincoln U.S.A.

Aug 20 Wm Conners Killed & Comrade wounded near Hays City Kansas.
" 22 J. H. Woodworth Killed at Big Timber. Also three men while engaged in digging a well near Fort Wallace. Names unknown.
" 23 Wm Keene Killed at Hungrys Lake. C.T.
" 24 Wm Brush and three Stock herders - names unknown - Killed near Latham C.T.
" 25 Mrs Bole & Children and Son, Killed on Running Creek C.T.
" 26 Ed M. Pratt Killed near Cheyenne.
" 30 Teamster - name unknown - Killed near Sapinte C.T.
Sept. 1 Boy named Louis Quiela about 8 years of age Killed at Kiowa Lumber mills C.T.
" 3 Three boys Killed - names not given - and a man named Baldwin wounded. near Colorado City C.T.
" 5 Three men, Cutler, Grief and Morse Killed - and — Clark badly wounded near Medicine Springs C.T.
" 4 Lothano Lincoln Killed at Spring Valley, C.T.
" 4 Two men - names unknown - Killed at Chutes Saw Mill, Colorado Pineries.
" 3 Daniel Innes and boy, Killed about 60 miles above Fort Sedgewick.
" 7 Two men, - names unknown - Killed 20 miles North of Colorado City.
" 8 Three men Killed - at Fort Lyon C.T.
" 24 Nicholas O'Laud Killed on Cotton Creek 18 miles above Denver.
" 24 A girl aged 7 or 8 Killed near Willow Creek

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver Oct 7th 1868

D. L. Cook Esqr
Denver C T

Sir

You are hereby authorized to organize one Maximum Company - 60 men - of Colorado Volunteer Militia, under the Militia Law of the Territory. When the organization shall have been completed, officers elected and rolls properly filed in this Department, commissions for the officers will be issued. It is desirable that the organization be perfected at an early day.

Wishing you the fullest success in the undertaking I am

Sir

Very Respectfully Your
Frank Hall
Actg Governor.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Oct 17th 1868

To the Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D C

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I shall require the sum of Ten Thousand ($10,000) Dollars to meet the Legislative expenses of this Territory for the ensuing fiscal year. Please place this Amount to my Official Credit, subject to the Sub-Treasury in New York, of the First National Bank of Denver C T

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Treasurer's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver November 3rd 1868

To the Hon Acting Assistant Treasurer U.S.
New York
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter announcing the deposit of Ten Thousand ($10.000) Dollars to my Official Credit. I have this day drawn for the same through the First National Bank of Denver, and herewith append my Signature

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Treasurer's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver December 1st 1868

Hon. R. W. Taylor
First Comptroller Treasury Dept
Washington D.C.
Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith my Semi-annual Report of Legislative Expenses, covering the half year Ending Dec 1st.

I beg leave to invite special attention to Vouchers 5 and 11 for printing the House Journal and Laws of the Second Session. Each item therein is entered in conformity with the Allowances made by you to Mr Collins, Public Printer, in adjusting all printing accounts. Having been for many years both Printer and Publisher, I have given this class of expenses personal supervision, and I feel confident that the vouchers named have been honestly rendered.

The Printer is much in need of the balance due, and I trust there will be no delay in their adjustment. Any allowance you may deem proper to make will be promptly paid by me on being notified of the amount. Copies of the work accompany this letter.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall Treas C.T.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Dec 3rd 1868

His Excellency Andrew Johnson
President of the United States
Sir.

In obedience to the requirements of the Organic Act of this Territory, I have the honor to transmit One Copy of the Revised Statutes of Colorado for the use of your office.

With Great Respect
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Dec 3rd 1868

Hon B. F. Wade
President of the Senate
Washington DC
Sir

In obedience to the requirements of the Organic Act of this Territory I have the honor to transmit two Copies of the Revised Statutes of Colorado for the use of the Senate of the United States.

With Great Respect
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Dec 3rd 1868

Hon Schuyler Colfax
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington D. C.
Sir

In obedience to the requirements of the Organic act of this Territory I have the honor to transmit two Copies of the Revised Statutes of Colorado for the use of the House of Representatives.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colo

Secretarys Office
Colorado Territory
Denver January 9th 1869

Hon Christian J Eyster
Associate Justice Supreme Court Col Ter
Denver C.T.

Sir

In Conformity with the provisions of an act of the Territorial Legislative Assembly entitled "An Act Concerning Reports of Territorial Officers" approved January 10th 1868, I have the honor to appoint you a Member of the Board of Commissioners selected to examine and report upon the books and accounts of the Territorial Auditor and Treasurer for the fiscal year ending December 31st 1868. For instructions relative to the duties of the Commission, &c (Revised Statutes Pages 82 & 83. As the day of meeting, I have designated Wednesday January 20th. Please subscribe to the oath hereunto annexed and file with the undersigned on the day of the meeting.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Edward C Parmelee of Georgetown C.T. And James Mills of Central City having been appointed the Associates of Judge Eyster on the Board of Examination similar letters were addressed to them.

Secretarys Office
Colorado Territory
Denver January 16th 1869

W. J. Godfroy Esqr
Sir

Your letter under date the 22nd ultimo addressed to His Excellency the Governor relative to the establishment of a Ferry Boat at a certain point on the Del Norte River, has been referred to this office.

In reply I would say that your application respecting the power of the Executive to grant Charters of the character named is erroneous. The Fortieth Congress of the United States at its first Session Passed an amendment to the Organic Acts of the Territories, which prohibits

the granting of Private Charters by the Legislature thereof and therefore in order to meet the wants of the people in this regard, the last Assembly enacted a Series of Corporation Acts, under which any Organization of Capital and interests may be formed. For instruction as to the mode of Procedure, you are respectfully referred to the Revised Statutes of this Territory, a Copy of which may be found with the Clerk of Saguache County.

Governor Hunt is now in Washington where he will remain until about the last of March next.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Jany 25th 1869

Hon. R. W. Taylor
First Comptroller Treasy Dept
Washington D. C.

Sir

I have the honor to report that on submitting the last invoices of the Public Printer, for printing the laws and Journals of the Seventh Assembly, I neglected to include a Collection of Acts not embraced in the Volume submitted to you for examination and Measurement. A Copy is enclosed herewith. Being a part of the General Acts of the Legislature the Printer is, I presume, entitled to receive pay for them. One thousand Copies were printed and Stitched together in the same manner as the Samples enclosed. But no Charge was made for binding and trimming. I regret that the matter should have been so long delayed, and the only excuse I can make is that my error was not discovered until the present moment. In the hope that the Department will take early action I remain

With Great Respect
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver May 15th 1869

To the Honorable Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State
Washington D.C.
Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your hand of my Commission as Secretary of Colorado Territory, with accompanying papers, and to return herewith my Oath of Office duly authenticated. Permit me also to Express my gratitude for the honor conferred.

With Great Respect
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver May 31st 1869

To the Honorable
The First Comptroller
Treasury Dept Washington DC
Sir.

Having been appointed Secretary of Colorado Territory, and having forwarded my note of acceptance, together with official Oath to the Honorable the Secretary of State, I respectfully ask to be informed whether a Bond will be required of me, and if so, whether I can obtain a blank form from your office. On receipt of your reply I will proceed to obey any instructions that may be given.

With Great Respect
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver June 1st 1869

Hon. C. C. Taylor
First Comptroller Treasy Dept
Washington D.C.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit by mail herewith my Semi annual report covering the incidental expenses of my office for the half year ending June 1st 1869.

A Copy of the Revised Statutes, bound as per your letter of instruction dated May 4th 1868 is also transmitted for approval. I have advanced various sums to the binder during the progress of the work on his pledge to have the Contract Completed by the first of June, which he has failed to perform. When all the volumes shall have been delivered at my office - if the work be meanwhile approved by you - I will pay the balance then due and render vouchers for the whole amount.

With great respect
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver June 26th 1869

Hon. C. C. Taylor
First Comptroller Treasy Dept
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith my official bond, oath and accompanying documents, executed as per your letter of instruction of the 8th inst. The Circular therewith, referring to Public Printing will be Carefully obeyed in all future transactions with the Printers, though I may have some trouble in getting the work done for the prices named as they are much below the Current rates. Should any difficulty arise hereafter, I will Communicate with you and ask for further instructions.

With great respect
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Telegram.

Denver C. T.
July 7th 1869

To the Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D. C.

I hold the Commission of Newly appointed Assayer Denver Branch Mint subject to approval of his bond. Mint has been Closed Since July 1st and the business of Country is suffering on account of it. If bond is approved please instruct me by telegraph.

Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

General Election Circular —

Secretary's Office.
Colorado Territory.
Denver July 12th 1869

To the Sheriff of Gilpin County.
Central City C. T.

Sir

You are hereby notified that four Representatives are to be Chosen by the people at the next General Election to be held on the Second Tuesday of September next to represent the Sixth Representative Distinct, and one Representative for the Fifth District, Composed of the Counties of Boulder and Gilpin; Also one Councilman for the 3rd Council District to fill the unexpired term of Hon David D. Belden resigned, in the Eighth Session of the Legislative Assembly to be Convened on the first Monday of January A.D. 1870.

As Registry books will be issued by the Secretary on this occasion, those used last year being deemed insufficient, and if not the County Clerk is required by law to make the requisite number of Copies for the several voting precincts in his County. Printed instructions Covering the most important points of the Registry law will be transmitted if required.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Similar letters transmitted to all the Sheriffs of the Territory.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver July 12th 1869

To the Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I shall require the sum of Fifteen Thousand ($15000) to meet the Legislative expenses of this Territory for the present half year. You will oblige me by placing this amount to my official Credit in the Sub-Treasury in New York or with any of the National Depositories of this City.

With Great Respect
Your Obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver August 9th 1869

To Shelton M Grimes Esqr
Sheriff of Gilpin County Greeting
Sir

Whereas one George Smith was by the Sentence of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Colorado at the July term A D 1869 Sentenced to be hanged on Friday the Thirteenth day of August instant for the Crime of Murder Whereof the said George Smith was Convicted by the District Court of the Second Judicial District, sitting within and for the County of Gilpin:

And Whereas we have been petitioned to Commute said Sentence to imprisonment for life:

And Whereas further time is required by us to Consider said application,

Now therefore for the purpose aforesaid we Respite the Execution of said Sentence until Friday the Tenth (10th) day of September A D 1869 and hereby Command you to delay the execution thereof until said day unless

the meantime we shall otherwise direct.
Given under our hand and the Great Seal of the Territory of Colorado in the City of Denver this Ninth day of August in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Nine.

L. S.

Frank Hall
Acting Governor of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver August 10th 1869

To the Sheriff of Weld County
Sir.

This Department having received official Notice from the legally Constituted Authorities of Weld County, of the removal for a Permanent residence in the State of California of the Hon. J. M. Pinkerton late Representative in the Territorial Legislature, thereby Creating a vacancy in said District, You are hereby notified to give Notice of such vacancy in your public order Calling the next General Election, to the end that the unexpired terms of said Hon. J. M. Pinkerton may be duly represented in the Eighth Session of the Legislative Assembly.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Similar Notice transmitted to the Sheriffs of Boulder and Larimer Counties, they being included in Mr Pinkerton's District.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver August 12 1869

To the Clerk of Saguache County.
Sir

Enclosed I hand you a blank form which the law requires to be filled with the signatures etc etc of the various officers of your County to be Chosen at the next Election. I also invite your

attention to Section 83 page 561 Revised Statutes of Colorado having especial reference to this subject.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Similar notice and blanks sent to Each County Clerk through out the Territory at the date of the foregoing.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Oct 21 1869

Hon R W Taylor
First Comptroller Treasy Dept
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have been requested by prominent members of the Bar of this Territory, and the Justices of the Supreme Court, to publish the decisions of the Supreme Court of this Territory in connection with the laws of the next Session of the Legislative Assembly. It is believed that these laws will not be voluminous, and that the decisions of the Court will not cover more than Two Hundred pages of small pica, "solid", so that the whole may be bound together in a volume of Convenient size. The objection to publishing the decisions separately, and at private expense is, that a sufficient number of Copies Cannot be sold to meet the expense. The legal fraternity are very anxious to obtain the decisions of the Court and are willing to bear the expense of preparing them for publication if it Can be done in the way proposed. One hundred Copies will suffice for present needs, and to meet the outlay no additions to the regular appropriations for Legislative expenses will be required.

By granting this request you will confer a great favor upon the Members of the bar, the Judges and the people of the Territory.

With great Respect
your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver October 26th 1869

His Excellency
The Governor of New Mexico
Santa Fe N.Mex.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith a Copy of a letter recently received at this office referring to the Newly established boundary line, between the Territories of Colorado and New Mexico. The letter came accompanied by numerous affidavits, and the report of a Special Committee appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Conejos County to make personal examination of the ground in dispute. As these papers are quite voluminous, I will not trouble you with them. The Committee report that they proceeded as instructed, and found "that beyond all dispute the position of the Eastern plaza of Las Pinos is within the Territory of Colorado". Also that they found "without a single exception all the houses pertaining to the plaza of Las Pinos to be on the North side of said line, and therefore within the County of Conejos and Territory of Colorado".

I have examined the maps in the Surveyor Generals Office without finding anything upon which to base a correct opinion Concerning the matter; and I must therefore rely wholly upon the sworn Statements before me. These gentlemen appear to have done the work assigned them very thoroughly, and if their report is truthful there can be no question as to the fact of the plaza of Las Pinos being within this jurisdiction. If any Agent of yours, or any qualified officer of Taos County has through a mistaken sense of duty detached the people of this plaza from their proper allegiance to this Government, I beg that you will take Early Measures to Correct the error, and to repair any wrong which may have grown out of such unauthorized action.

Very Respectfully
your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Acting Governor of Colorado

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver November 7th 1869

To W. W Carlson, Clerk
G. F. Chase and John Virden
Commissioners of Boulder County.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Communication of date the 4th inst. requesting the appointment of a third Member to complete the Board of Commissioners, in place of G. W. Webster who is absent in California.

In reply I have to say that whilst it would afford me great pleasure to accede to your wishes, I do not feel that the vacancy is clearly established. Mr Webster, you say is absent in California, but that he has taken a permanent residence there is not assumed. A number of letters referring to this matter from various portions of your County are on file here, one of which asserts in the most positive manner that Mr Webster has not quitted his residence, nor forfeited his citizenship in Boulder County, is only temporarily absent, and when he went away expressed the intention of returning at an Early day.

With this statement before me I cannot feel justified in making a new appointment until something more definite in regard to Mr Webster's actual designs can be ascertained. We have had serious trouble with several Cases of a similar Character & this of mine and therefore feel compelled to exercise great caution. Perhaps Mr Webster can be induced to send a written resignation addressed to the Governor. If so any qualified man you may recommend for the vacancy will receive attention.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Acting Governor.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
December 12th 1869

Hon. R. W. Taylor
First Comptroller Treasury Dept
Washington D.C.
Sir

I transmit by mail herewith my Semi-Annual Report, Covering the expenses of my Department for the half year Ending December 31st 1869.

With Great Respect
Your Obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver December 17th 1869

To the Honorable
The Secretary of the Interior
Washington D.C.
Sir

Pursuant to instructions from your department a Penitentiary building is being Erected in this Territory and will probably be Completed within thirty days from date. Our Territorial Legislature will be convened on the 3-d of January next and as some legislation on this subject will be necessary, I respectfully ask for such information in regard to the regulations adopted or to be adopted by the United States for the government of said Prisons as may be required for the proper guidance of our law makers. An Early reply is requested

I have the honor to be ...

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Frank Hall
and acting Governor
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver December 18th 1869

To the Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I shall require the sum of Twelve Thousand ($12000) Dollars to meet the expenses of the Eighth Session of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory, to be Convened on the 3rd Day of January next.

With great Respect
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver December 18th 1869

Hon R. W. Taylor
First Comptroller Treasy Dept
Washington D.C.
Sir

I have this day made my requisition upon the Honorable, the Secretary of the Treasury for the sum of Twelve Thousand ($12,000) Dollars to meet the Expenses of the Legislative Assembly to be Convened on the 3rd of January next, and respectfully ask your Endorsement of the same when referred.

The per diem and mileage of Members of both Houses, with Salaries of Clerks and other officers at the last session held in 1867-8. aggregated ——— $13,840.20
Incidental Expenses ——— 6915.11
Printing and Binding Laws &c ——— 7310.10
Making a total of ——— $28065.41

The Printing account of the Coming Session will be much less than for the last. And I shall be able to purchase Stationery at reduced prices, but the rent of rooms and the cost of fitting them up will be greater than formerly.

They are forwarded December 21st Shows a balance

in my hands of $13,622.77. at least one third of which Amount will have been expended before this reaches you. My Requisition if granted will give me sufficient means to defray all the expenses of the Session. Printing included. and such incidentals as cannot now be enumerated.

In the hope that my request will receive your favorable Consideration I have the honor to remain.

With Great Respect
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver December 22nd 1869

Hon John W. Wells
Burlington Boulder & C.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that you have been selected as one of the Legislative Committee to examine and report upon the financial transactions of the Territorial Auditor and Treasurer for the last fiscal year. The first Meeting of the Board will be held at my office in this city on Tuesday the 28th inst. and you are hereby notified to appear on that day, receive your Certificate of Election and qualify as provided by law for the office to which you have been appointed. For special instruction respecting the duties of the Committee you are respectfully referred to Sections 7. 8. & 9 page 80 Revised Statutes of Colorado.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

The Associates of Mr. Wells on this Committee are Hon Charles A Cook of the Council and Hon Geo W Miller of the House to whom similar letters of appointment were at the same time addressed.

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Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver January 4th 1870

Hon. Geo A Miller
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Sir

I respectfully invite your attention to the subjoined instructions from the Treasury Department of the United States in relation to the public printing, now on file in my Office.

Extract. "This department claims and exercises the right under existing laws to regulate the price and quality of Territorial printing. The limits of the annual appropriations aside from any other considerations would not admit of any indefinite action in this respect by the General assembly."

You will therefore suggest to the presiding Officer of Each House that Memorials, Petitions, and documents having no necessary Connection with the duties of legislation, or the dissemination of useful information among the people, will be excluded and not printed at the expense of the United States."

Messrs Byers & Dailey of the Rocky Mountain News have been appointed by me to do the printing of your House during the present Session, and will execute all work which your Committee on Printing (with due regard to the foregoing instructions) may order. Reports of Sanitorial Officers together with the Daily Journal will be sent to this Office.

I am also authorized to furnish Each member of the Legislature with one newspaper during the session. The members of your House will oblige me by handing their names & the Chief Clerk with the name of the newspaper for which they wish to subscribe. All postage of Members will be paid by the United States. Letters and papers may be franked and placed in the hands of the Sergt-at-Arms who will see them properly stamped and mailed.

Very Respectfully.
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

A similar letter appointing Woodbury & Walker of the Denver Tribune printers for the Council, transmitted to the President of that House.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver January 5th 1870

His Excellency Edward M. Mcook
Governor of Colorado
Executive Chambers

Sir.

In reply to your letter of this date I have the honor to inform you that Columbus Macklin was confirmed by the Council to be Territorial Treasurer, on the 16th day of December 1867; Hal Sayr to be Adjutant General the same day and Nathaniel F Cheeseman to be Territorial Auditor on the 31st of December 1867.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver January 6th 1870

Hon Geo. A. Hinsdale
President of the Council

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of the Council the Report of the Territorial Agricultural Society for the years 1868 and 1869

Very Respectfully
your obedient servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver January 18th 1870

Asher J. Mills Esqr
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note under date the 8th inst. and to say in reply that a copy of your Charter duly Authenticated by the proper Authorities of the State when issued must be filed with the Clerk of the County in this Territory in which it is proposed to do business, within thirty days from the date of Commencement. Failure to Comply with this provision of our Statutes renders Each & every officer Agent and Stockholder in such Corporation personally liable on any and all Contracts of the Company made in the Territory.

Insurance Companies of every description Organized in other States and operating in this Territory are taxed one per cent. (for Territorial purposes) upon the Amount of premiums taken during the year previous to the listing in the County where the Agent Conducts business. The Agent renders the list, and is held personally liable for the tax.

There is no provision in our Statutes regulating, or in any way referring to the appointment of Agents by Companies of your Class.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Jany 28th 1870

Hon. R. McClaughry
First Comptroller Treasy Dept
Washington D.C.
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter referring for action Certain papers relating to the printing accounts of Wm Pierce Gibson & Whitelaw and Thomas Gibson, and asking if there are any vouchers or statements in my office showing these accounts to be

Correct as rendered, and what balances, if any, remain unpaid thereon.

In order to get this matter properly before you I have made full transcripts of the vouchers named, viz: Nos 22 23 & 29, rendered by Secretary Elbert, and Nos 23, 24, 45, & 46 rendered by Secretary Weld, and attached thereto a Statement showing the amounts claimed, paid, and balances due on Each, which are herewith. An Examination will show that the Statement forwarded by you is very nearly Correct.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Feby 16th 1870

E. E. Burlingame Esqr
Central City C.T.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you of your appointment as Territorial Assayer for the ensuing term of two years. When your official bond shall have been received and approved at this office, as required by law your Commission will be forwarded.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Feby 16 & 1870

Col W. A. Arnold
Central City C.T.

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you that on the 11th inst you were appointed by the Governor & Confirmed by the Council Brigadier General of the First Military Division of the Territory of Colorado and to forward herewith your Commission

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver July 16th 1870

Hon John B. Rice
Pueblo C.T.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that on the 11th inst you were appointed by the Governor and Confirmed by the Legislative Council to be Major General of the Second Military Division of the Territory of Colorado, and to forward herewith your Commission.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver July 16th 1870

J. D. Miller Esqr
Pueblo C.T.

Sir

On the 11th inst you were appointed by the Governor and Confirmed by the Legislative Council to be Brigadier General of the Second Military Division of the Territory of Colorado. Your Commission is forwarded herewith.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver July 16th 1870

Hon. Horatio B Pearce.
Denver

Sir

On the 11th inst you were appointed by the Governor, and Confirmed by the Legislative Council, to be Major General of the First Military Division of the Territory of Colorado. Your Commission is herewith.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver July 16th 1870

Geo T Clark Esqr
Denver C T

Sir

You are notified that on the 11th inst you were appointed by the Governor and Confirmed by the Legislative Council to be Inspector General for the Territory of Colorado. Your Commission is herewith.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver July 16th 1870

Wilbur C Sothwop Esqr
Denver C T

Sir

On the 11th inst you were appointed by the Governor and Confirmed by the Council to be Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Territory of Colorado. When your official bond shall have been filed, and approved at this office, as required by law your Commission will issue.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver July 17th 1870

Hon R W Taylor
First Comptroller Treasy Dept
Washington D C

Sir. I have the honor to transmit herewith a Statement of my Official transactions from December 1st 1869 to date and respectfully request that the balance of $10,000 due on my Requisition of December 18th may be placed to

may Credit in one of the National Banks of this city or with the Assistant Treasurer in New York, without delay in order that the numerous unpaid bills now on hand, and the printing of the laws and Journals of the last Legislature may be provided for.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Nov 17th 1870

Hon R. W. Taylor
First Comptroller Treasy Dept
Washington D.C.

Sir

I submit herewith Specimens of the "Incidental Printing" executed for the Eighth Legislature, recently adjourned, by Messrs Byers & Dailey and Messrs Woodbury & Walker, Public Printers, accompanied by Vouchers on which I have paid the allowances as directed by your circular letter of April 7th 1869. As the printers are in need of the balances due them I respectfully ask for Early Consideration of this account.

There being two offices in this City advocating Republican principles, and warmly supporting the present administration, I assumed the responsibility of dividing the patronage of my office, as nearly Equally as possible, between them. Trusting that this Course will meet your approval I have the honor to remain

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver March 11th 1870

To the Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.
Sir

I have the honor to make Requisition upon you for the sum of Ten Thousand ($10,000) Dollars to meet the Legislative expenses of this department for the present half year. I respectfully request that the amount specified be placed to my Credit at the Sub-Treasury in New York or with one of the National depositaries in this city.

With Great Respect
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver March 14th 1870

Charles Jennison Esqr
Denver C.T.
Sir

Enclosed herewith I hand you your Commission as Sheriff of this County of Gilpin in this Territory. For special instructions respecting the duties of the office, your attention is invited to the Revised Statutes of Colorado Chapter 21 Concerning "Counties and County Officers."

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver March 14th 1870

Theodore Gaudian Esqr
Fort Lyon C.T.
Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith your Commission as one of the Commissioners of Bent County in this Territory, upon the application of James Macdonald of Pueblo. Please acknowledge the receipt of the same at your convenience.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver March 21st 1870

To the Honorable
The Assistant Treasurer of the United States
New York
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your notification of the deposit of Ten Thousand ($10,000) to my Credit with you, and to say that I have this day drawn for the same through the First National Bank of Denver.

My Official Signature is hereunto annexed.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver March 22 1870

Hon. R. W. Taylor
First Comptroller Treasury Dept
Washington D.C.
Sir

I have the honor to submit herewith Vouchers 31, 32, 33, 36, 55 rendered by Daniel Collins for printing the Reports of Territorial Officers, rendered to

the Eighth Legislature, accompanied by Specimen Copies of the work. for examination and measurement.
The work is well executed and the exact number of Copies delivered & me that were ordered.
I also hand you Voucher 34 for Printing the Private acts etc of the Seventh Session, which has been detained by the Printer until this time.
Voucher 53 Contained in my report of June 1st 1868 for Printing the Council Journal of the Seventh Session has not, I believe, been adjusted by you. The omission was brought to my notice by the Printer, and therefore I mention it here in order that all matters Connected with this Class of accounts may receive attention at the same time with those now rendered.
I have paid the allowances made by you in the accounts of Myers Byers & Dailey & Wood berry & Walker, and will give prompt attention to those now forwarded when apprised of your action.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver March 28th 1870

Hon R. W. Taylor
First Comptroller Treasury Dept
Washington D.C.
Sir

I enclose my Certificate of the delivery in good order at my office One thousand Copies of the Revised Statutes by Myers Byers & Dailey Binders. The work was delivered on the 22nd of October 1869, at which time payment was made. Specimen Copies have been forwarded to you for examination, and your letter of approval is now on file in this office
With this I Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver March 30 1870

R M Johnston Esqr
Clerk of Lake County
Sir.

By express on the 31st inst I send you Twenty Copies of the Laws enacted by the Eighth Colorado Legislature, which please distribute among the Officers of Your County as heretofore instructed.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Similar Notes announcing the transmission of Laws sent to each County Clerk throughout the Territory.

Indians

Telegram

Denver C T
April 18th 1870

His Excellency
Governor McCook
Willards Hotel, Washington D C

Hostile Indians

Are hovering about the Kiowa frontier, and on Friday broke up three Camps of Graders on the Denver Division Kansas Pacific Railroad, driving off Stock. No lives lost as yet. Have sent one hundred rifles to Contractors. Indications point to an Early and extensive raid on exposed points. Troops should be furnished at once & work must cease on railway.

Frank Hall.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver June 7th 1870

Hon. R. W. Taylor
First Comptroller Treasury Dept
Washington D C.
Sir

I have the honor to submit herewith my Semi Annual Report Covering the Transactions of this Office

for the half year ending June 1st 1870, together with Specimens of Printing and Binding. The House Journal of the last Session is printed and the full number - 250 Copies - delivered into my hands, but the printer being Absent, Vouchers for the same have not yet been signed. When this shall be done, they will be forwarded, and you will then be able to make allowances upon all audited accounts for printing for the last Session.

With Great Respect
Your Obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver June 7th 1870

His Excellency U. S. Grant
President of the United States
Washington D.C.
Sir

In obedience to the Organic Laws of this Territory, I have the honor to transmit a Copy of the Acts of the Eighth Legislature for the use of the Executive.

With Great Respect
Your Obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver June 7th 1870

Hon Schuyler Colfax
Vice President of the United States
Washington D.C
Sir

In obedience to the requirements of the Organic Act of this Territory, I have the honor to transmit herewith a Copy of the Acts of the Eighth Colorado Legislature for the use of the Senate.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Frank Hall Secretary of Colorado

Election Circular

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver July 14th 1870

To the Sheriff of Arapahoe County
Denver C.T.

Sir

You are hereby notified that the next General Territorial Election will be held on Tuesday the 13th Day of September next. at which time A Delegate to Congress and District Attorneys for the First Second and Third Judicial Districts are to be Elected.

As soon as may be practicable after the receipt of this notice you will cause public proclamation of the same to be made as the law directs in the several voting precincts of Arapahoe County including therein such County and precinct Officers as are required by law to be Chosen at such Election.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Similar notice sent to Each Sheriff in the Territory.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver July 14th 1870

Gen Wm J Palmer.
Supt Artesian Well
Kit Carson C.T.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your reports of the progress of the Artesian well at Kit Carson, for the Weeks ending respectively on the 15th 22nd 29th of April— 6th. 13th 20th 27th of May— 3rd 10th 17th 24th of June and 1st and 8th of July 1870.

Also of one box and one bottle containing Specimens of the Strata,— and one bottle containing salt water

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Aug 9th 1870

To the Clerk of Bent County
Las Animas City C.T.
Sir

You will please transmit to me, without unnecessary delay, a list of the Election Precincts in your County in order that Statute and Registry Books may be supplied. If the County Commissioners have not established the requisite voting Precincts for the Coming Election for Delegate and District Attorney, it is the duty of the Chairman to call a meeting at once for that purpose and when done, to send immediate notice to this office, when Registry Books will be provided.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Similar Notice sent to the Clerk of Greenwood County.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver August 10th 1870

To the Sheriff of Bent County.
Las Animas City C.T.
Sir

You are hereby directed to include in your Proclamation of Election all officers necessary for the Government of Bent County which are provided for by the laws of this Territory viz: Three Commissioners, one Probate Judge, County Clerk, Sheriff, Treasurer, Assessor, Surveyor, and in each Township organized by the present Board of Commissioners two Justices of the Peace and two Constables; one Justice of the Peace and one Constable to serve until the General Election to be held on the second Tuesday of September A.D. 1871, and one Justice of the Peace and one Constable to serve until the general Election in 1872. The Board of Commissioners is to be Chosen according to the provisions of Sections 10 & 11 of Chapter Twenty One Revised Statutes of Colorado.

The Probate Judge, County Clerk, Sheriff, Treasurer, Assessor and Surveyor are to be Elected to fill vacancies and will hold their Offices respectively for the term of one year or until the general Election in September 1872.

This Notice should be promulgated as soon as practicable in the several Election Precincts of Bent County, to the End that all qualified Electors therein may be informed.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Similar Notice sent to the Sheriff of Greenwood County. same date.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver August 10th 1870

To the Clerk of Greenwood County.
Kit Carson C.T.

Sir

I have this day transmitted an official order to the Sheriff of Greenwood County directing him to include in his Proclamation of Election a full Complement of Officers for said County. You will please Notify him to furnish the Board of Commissioners with a copy of said letter at once, - to the End that they may be advised of its Contents, and be enabled to make suitable Provision for the Coming Election. I have directed the necessary Registry Books to be sent to you. You will in addition provide the several Voting Precincts in Your County with the necessary Poll Books required by law to be used on the day of Election. The form used by the Clerk of Arapahoe County seems to me to be as good as any in use.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

A similar letter sent to the Clerk of Bent County same date.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver August 16 1870

To the Clerk of Grenwood County
Kit Carson C[o]

Sir

I han this day transmitted to you by Mail three Registry Books, one for Each Election Precinct in your County. You will please make triplicate Copies of the same for Each Precinct in accordance with the Provisions of the Registry law.

Very Respectfully
Francis Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver September 17th 1870

L. M. Peterson Esqr.
Clerk of Las Animas Co.
Trinidad C[o]

Sir

In Compliance with your request of the 16th inst. I herewith transmit Abstracts for the Enumeration of the Votes of your County for Delegate to Congress and District Attorney. You will please make out Abstracts in duplicate, retaining one Copy on file in your office and transmitting the other to this office.

Very Respectfully
Francis Hall
Secretary of Colorado

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Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver June 3rd 1871

Hon. R. W. Taylor
First Comptroller Treasy Dept
Washington D.C.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith a Statement of the Financial transactions of my Office for the year ending June 1st 1871. Absence from the Territory on leave, and severe illness will account for the omission of the usual Annual Report due December 1st 1870

With Great Respect
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado